



**St Peter Julian Eymard  
Catholic Church  
Mooroolbark Parish  
Including Kilsyth & Montrose**



**Number 08**

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**19th February, 2017**

**Parish Priest**  
**Fr. Joseph Xin Lu**

**Parish Secretary**  
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

**Parish Assistant**  
Mr. Brian Twining

**Pastoral Associate**  
Michael Sellar

**RCIA Coordinator**  
Michael Mc Lindon

**Parish Office**  
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**Parish Hall (Not available during 2017)**  
**Hall Manager - T.B.A.**

**SPJE Parish School**  
Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138  
Telephone 9725 0595 Fax 9723 9255  
**School Principal – Mrs. Maria Bast**  
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**SPJE - Outside School Hours Care**  
Tel: 8215 9206

**St. Richard's Parish School**  
672 Mt. Dandenong Rd.  
Kilsyth, 3137  
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**School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill**  
<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

**Normal Mass Times at SPJE**  
Weekday Masses - Tuesday - Friday: 9.15 am  
**Rosary prayed on**  
**Wednesday & Thursday after 9.15am Mass**

Saturday: No morning Mass  
**Saturday: 6.00p.m. (vigil)**  
**Sunday: 9.00a.m.**  
**Sunday: 11.00a.m.**  
**Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 p.m.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

If assistance is required, please contact  
1800 305 330, Mon – Fri 10 am -3 pm

**'Love Your Enemies!'**

Reflection for Sunday, 19 Feb 2017: Seventh  
Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A  
Mt 5:38-48

Matthew's Gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, where, like Moses, Jesus teaches the community his code of behaviour. What he teaches sounds impossible, but it is what he lived and what some others have also been capable of living.

Occasionally, in the midst of terrible wars and atrocities, we hear of people who have been able to rise above their own suffering and rage, to find in themselves the ability, the grace, of forgiveness. Eva Kor, 81, a Holocaust survivor embraced 93-year-old Oskar Groening who was indicted as an accessory to the murder of 300,000 Jews at Auschwitz. During his trial in Germany she said 'I will never understand why anger is preferable to a goodwill gesture.'

When Matthew says, 'Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect', I think this means something like being a whole person. With this in mind, Jesus' code of behaviour calls us to be whole people, and this is how we can also be holy people.

'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth', was really a moral advance over the common custom of blood vengeance, that is, exacting a price that far exceeds the wrong that was done. Jesus instructs his disciples to offer no resistance at all when someone tries to take advantage of them. He then reinterprets the law of love in an even more radical manner, insisting that his disciples' love must be patterned after God's love, which is given unquestioningly to the just and the unjust alike. If they only love those who love them, but harm those who harm them, they are merely fulfilling the 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth', admonition. Those who would be known as children of God are expected to love as God does.

When was the last time you felt like enacting revenge on someone who had taken advantage of you? And does today's gospel offer us a better way in which we need to respond?

*Rudy Vail*  
*Religious Education Leader SPJE School*  
*(With acknowledgement to Mary Coloe)*

### Weekday Mass Times

Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri at 9.15 am

### Readings for Next Week - 25/26th Feb

Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

### Prayers For The Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill.

**Ron Irwin, Louis Donker, Ian Blencowe, Jan Watson, John Hogan, Bernadette Vear, John Doensen, Linda Young, Lynette Carrucan, Angela Selva, and Randal Barker**

### ✠ Remembrance Diary ✠

We remember those who have died and all those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

**Joe Ekanayake, Kathleen Collins, Patricia Nugent, Jim McKenna, Valentine O'Donnell, Margaret Sheehan, Giovanni D'Angelo, Brian Vear, Matt Grange, Dorothy Gartlan, Peter Vincent, Matthew Ellis, Robert Bell, Tony Nugent, Michael Watson, Cyril Vincent, Mary Hewett, Henry de la Harpe, Maria Bialowieyski, David Bryce, Arne Bouwhuis.**

### ROSTERS

#### Counters

20th Feb Paul & Marianne Redfern, Norm Willingham

27th Feb Eileen Goltz & Kate Warren

#### Flowers

25th Feb **Volunteer Required**

4th March LENT (No Flowers)

#### Cleaners

20th Feb Graeme Vear & Gerard Wright

27th Feb Jessica & Gloria Romero, Catherine Tai

*(Please collect church key from parish office)*

#### Eucharist Co-Ordinators for February

6.00 pm Volunteer Required

9.00 am Volunteer Required

11.00am Volunteer Required

#### Readers & Commentators 25th & 26th February

6pm Paul Martin & Michael Sellar

9am Lilette de la Harpe & Lilijana Stride

11am Maria Bast & Auna Wernert

## PARISH CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 2017

**18/19th 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

20th SPJE School Closed

21st Greeting & Welcome Meeting - 7.30pm

24th Fr Joseph 16th Year Ordination

**25/26th 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

28th Faith Development Team meeting - 10am (Parish House)  
Shrove Tuesday (Musicians)

### MARCH 2017

1st Wed Beginning of Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY

(Morning Mass to be confirmed)

7.30pm Church

1st Social Justice Group - SVDP room 7 pm

3rd World Day of Prayer - 10am (St Francis in the Field)

**4/5th 1st Sunday of Lent**

4th Private Baptism - 4pm

5th Rite of Election - St Patrick's Cathedral

6th Baptism Meeting - Jane Monk 7.45pm

**11/12th 2nd Sunday of Lent**

13th Public Holiday

17th St Patrick's Day

### Christian Meditation Meetings

Mondays at 7.30 pm

SVDP Building - All Welcome

### READING & COMMENTATOR'S ROSTER 2017

We would like to invite parishioners to assist with Reading and Commentating at the weekend Masses.

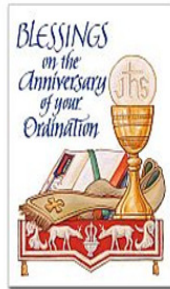
If you can assist please see Fr Joseph or email the parish office at Mooroolbark@cam.org.au or phone the office on 9723 4275 for more information. The new roster is due 6th March .

### READERS & COMMENTATORS

Fr Joseph has asked that all current Readers and Commentators arrive at least 10 minutes (preferable 15 minutes) prior to Mass commencing.  
Thanking you in advance.

### Fr Joseph Ordination 16th Anniversary

We invite parishioners to attend 9.15 am Mass on Friday 24th February and stay for morning tea to celebrate Fr Joseph's 16 years as a Priest.



### Hope and Healing after abortion.\*

Open Doors Counselling will run their next Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend on March 17-19, 2017. Rachel's Vineyard retreats have brought hope and healing to thousands of women and men struggling with grief > and guilt after an abortion. [info@opendoors.com.au](mailto:info@opendoors.com.au), asap as places are filling and we only take small numbers. Numbers will need to be finalized by March 1, 2017. You can find out more and view a video about the retreat at [www.opendoors.com.au/rachels-vineyard-retreat](http://www.opendoors.com.au/rachels-vineyard-retreat). If you or anyone you know might be interested in attending please contact Open Doors on 9870 7044.

### A Great Family Day Out in Yea

Enjoy a great day out in the magnificent country atmosphere of Yea. St Pat's Race Club Yea is holding its annual Picnic Race Day at the picturesque Yea Racecourse on Sunday 26 February 2017.

There will be great entertainment for both adults and children. Proceeds from the day support Sacred Heart Parish and School in Yea. Bookings for dinner in the Clubhouse and other catering options can be made on the website [country.racing.com/yea-st-pats](http://country.racing.com/yea-st-pats).

You can drive to Yea along the Melba Hwy from Lilydale, or through Whittlesea from Plenty Rd, or along the Hume Fwy and turn off at Tallarook.

For more information, phone Richard on 0418 842 926.

### POSITIONS VACANT - Archdiocese of Melbourne

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

[Administration/Project and Property Coordinator, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Victoria, Thornbury](#)

[Parish Secretary - St Mary's, East St Kilda](#)

[Payroll Officer, East Melbourne](#)

[Domestic Support - St Mary's Parish, East St Kilda](#)

[Organist - St Joseph's parish, Chelsea](#)

[Parish Secretary, Inner Eastern Suburbs](#)

[Parish Catechist Coordinator, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood](#)

[Assistant Editor, East Melbourne](#)

Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese website at: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

### PALLOTTINE PILGRIMAGE WALK 2017

**Saturday 22 April to Monday 24 April**

**St Christopher's, Syndal to Pallotti College, Millgrove**

This year's Pilgrimage Walk will cover 65 kilometres over three days, a time of sacred pilgrimage between two significant sites of Pallottine spirituality and mission. This will once again be a time to meditate on your experience of God in nature while walking in fellowship and friendship with others. Mass will be part of the journey on each of the days, as the walk winds along Dandenong Creek, the Warburton trail and O'Shannassy Aqueduct.

**Cost:** \$240 includes transfers, two nights' accommodation and most meals **Details and registration (by 30**

**March):** Lorraine on 0402 217 123 or [lorraine613@bigpond.com](mailto:lorraine613@bigpond.com)

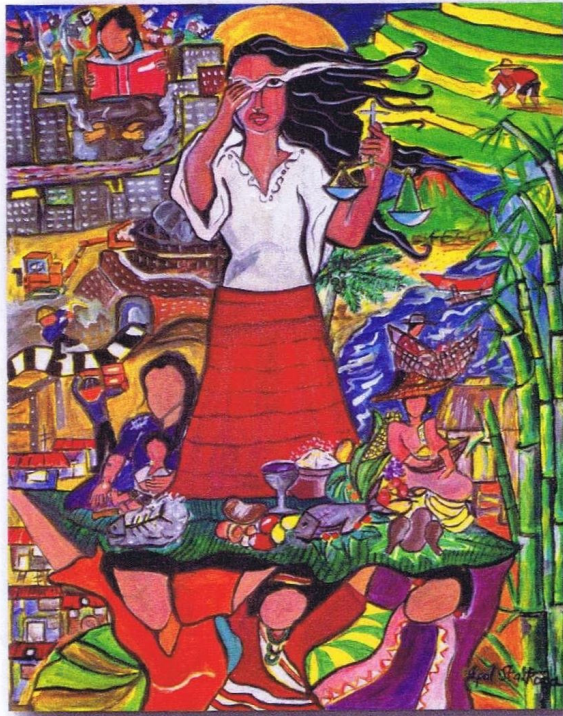
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*Everyone Welcome*



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
PHILIPPINES**

*Am I being unfair to you?*



**FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017**

**Place : At St. Francis' Church, Mooroolbark  
Speaker : Ray Ewart  
Time : 10.00am**

This year, The World Day of Prayer Service has been written by the Women of the Philippines.  
We would like to see as many Pilipino parishioners as possible attend this service dressed in your national costume.  
Would any musicians be available to assist at the service?  
We would also appreciate if you could bring any artefacts that can be placed on display on a table at the Church entrance for the duration of the service.  
Please contact Lilette de la Harpe on 0411 255 843 for further information.